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Tug-o-war at Guilford's Canada Day



With a heave and a ho, a group of West Guilford teenagers anchored one end of the line in the free-for-all Canada Day Tug of War. Despite the valiant efforts of Tanya Sisson, Nicole Cooper,

Caley Sisson and Erin Fearrey (not wearing her Miss Canada Day garland), the other side won. More photos are on page 21 and a story on the citizens of the year is on page 15.

Students fight to retain after-school sports

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

A group of nearly 20 Haliburton high school football players are so committed to being successful next fall, they've organized their own weekly practices throughout the summer.

But unless secondary school teachers across the region have a change of heart, all that extra effort taken by the students will be in vain.

As it stands now, there will be no Redmen football team come September. Or field hockey. Or soccer. Or any other sport.

The Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association — representing Haliburton's high school and 37 others — recently voted to call off all extra-curricular sports programs "indefinitely."

Increased teaching time, staff reductions and uncertainty over funding has left it no other choice, the association argues.

The decision has left high school athletes in Haliburton angry and disappointed.

Many of them feel as though they've been caught in the middle of a three-way fight between teachers and their school boards, as well as the provincial government.

"I'm kind of mad at everybody who's involved with it," said 17-year-old Nathan Koz, a member of the school's track and field team and a middle

linebacker on the senior Redmen football team. "... It's like they don't remember what it's like to play high school sports."

Koz, returning for his final year of high school, is hoping to win a football scholarship to university in B.C.

He and other members of the

football team have been practising through the summer to help bring the school a COSSA championship in the fall.

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A Gull River pedal...



MAKING WAVES: These Crazy Raft Racers pedalled their way to first place at Minden's Canada Day. Mor on page 17

County to let AVA's impact work itself out

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Instead of trying to mitigate the impact of Actual Value Assessment, county council has decided to let the tax chips fall where they lay.

If council took action to limit the increase of some people's property taxes caused by increased property values, it would have to do so by getting more money from the people whose taxes are supposed to go down.

Rather than do this, last Wednesday council decided not to tinker with tax ratio formulas and let the AVA tax changes work themselves out on their own.

Knowing that shoreline residential properties were going to feel the biggest impact of AVA, council had the option of sharing the burden of increases. It could do that by increasing the

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"It's a boy," Echo reporter shouts

THE ECHO is extremely pleased to announce that staff reporter Peter Downs and his wife Leslie are now proud first-time parents. Their son, Colin, was born at 4:45 a.m. on July 4 in Peterborough, weighing 7 lbs, 13 oz.. (The baby's middle name has not been chosen, but they're leaning towards Doyle, which is Leslie's maiden name.) Although they had been hoping for a July 1 birth day so they'd be guaranteed to get the day off work and celebrate with fireworks, their American neighbours are thrilled with the Canadian salute to Independence Day. The new family of three was expected home Monday, but don't expect to see Peter at any events this week. He'll be too busy covering the major news item that's taking place at home.

Can you imagine a bank needing money? Well, the two Haliburton banks are in short supply of small coins and are asking people to break open their piggy banks.

Pennies, nickels and dimes are all desperately needed and would be very welcomed. Meanwhile, don't forget that The Beer Store has also issued a province-wide plea for people to return their empties. With such a hot, humid beginning of summer, people are keep-

son, Josh, and while there, underwent angioplasty. On Monday, the doctors said she could go home to 12 Mile Lake, where she will recuperate quietly with her husband Grahame, daughter Jenn and Josh. Best wishes go out to her for a speedy recovery.

noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at Carnarvon Lanes. Organizers Doug and Lorna Burtch, 457-3337, and Betty and Ross Henderson, 489-3351, are looking for people to participate, as well as people to pledge to this worthwhile event. Any pledge of \$10 or higher is eligible for a receipt for income tax deductions and a pledge sheet is available at The Echo office.

here, there & everywhere news and events worth noting

ing cool by drinking more beer, but their too hot to return the empties. The breweries need the bottles, which are re-used an average of 15 to 20 times.

Get well wishes go out to Debbie Wales, who suffered at least three heart attacks last Thursday. The former vice-principal at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton (she becomes principal of Ridgewood in Cobocok in September) was enjoying a well earned rest at her water-access-only cottage on Thursday when the attacks began. She was airlifted to Toronto General Hospital, accompanied by her teenaged

There was no need for alarm at Curry Motors this weekend, said owner Don Popple. Villagers might have wondered what was going on at the GM dealership when the alarm kept going off Sunday. A window repair crew had been fixing a window that was broken by the shop's floor cleaner a couple of months ago. Popple said he had no idea what set the alarm off.

The youngest female participant at West Guilford's Canada Day celebration was three-month-old Rebecca Nicholson, but organizers have no way of getting in touch with her parents so they can give Rebecca her gift. If you know how to reach the Nicholsons, please contact Cheryl Cooper at 754-3210.

Plans are underway for a charity Bowl-a-thon on August 8 in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (and the capital expansion projects.) Bowling is from 9 a.m. to

Deborah Guy, who will soon be moving to the Goddardham area, wants to know if anyone else is interested in starting up a used clothing and food depot at the former Ministry of Natural Resources building. People could donate clothing and other used items that could be re-distributed "for peanuts." The food donations would go to people in need for free. You can contact Deborah Guy, who will be living next door to the old MNR building as of August 1, at General Delivery, Fenelon Falls, K0M 1N0, 705-887-4920 or e-mail her at dguy@sympatico.ca

The Norland Firefighters are hosting their annual Horse Pull/Show and Shine at Ward Memorial Park on July 11. Registration is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and public admission is from noon to 5 p.m. There are raffles and a vendors flea market. Adults are \$4, children under 12 \$2, and preschoolers free. To pre-register call 705-454-9394.

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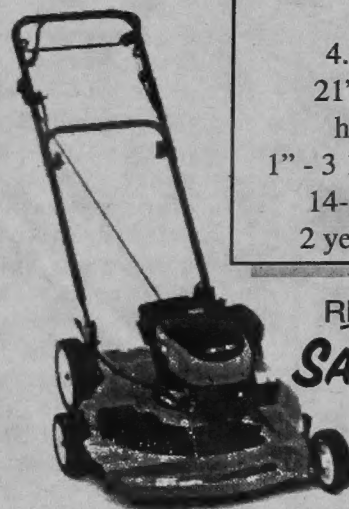
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First sculptures already seem part of the scenery

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Although the sculptures are new, they already seem very much a part of the landscapes of Minden and Haliburton village.

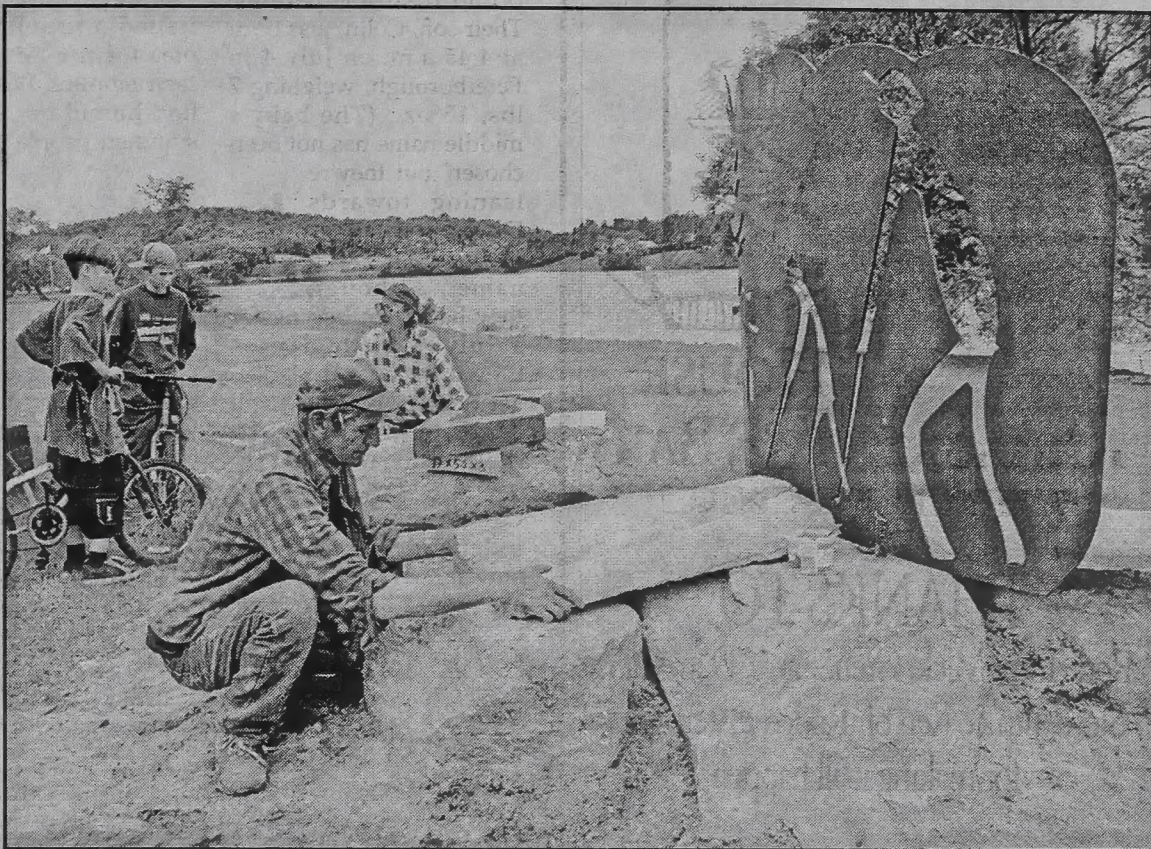
On Monday, North Bay artist

Sam Moligian installed his metal sculptures atop two boulders on the shores of the Gull River in Minden. The next day, he was on the shore of Head Lake, installing his metal sculpture in Haliburton as part of a new initiative of the Haliburton County Development Corporation's arts committee.

All told, there will be six sculptures welcoming people to the Haliburton Highlands and letting them know that this is "where it's art."

The Minden and Haliburton sculptures were commissioned by the HCDC following a series of public meetings to hammer out what would be appropriate as public art. The people at the meetings, led by artist John Leonard, a long-time teacher at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, wanted art which was representational of the area and which wouldn't alienate anyone.

The Minden sculptures are silhouettes of pine trees cut out of black sheets of metal (which can easily be painted again if the sculptures are vandalized.)



WHAT-CHA DOING?

Two young boys were bicycling along the Head Lake boardwalk on Tuesday when they happened to notice artist Sam Moligian, foreground, and Roy Truchan installing the new sculptures.

Haliburton's sculpture is similar, only its top is cut as billowing clouds and one side is the outline of a tree. Cut into the metal are the silhouettes of two loggers holding poles to push the sandcast, reinforced logs, which rest atop the rock base. There is also a cut-out of a stump.

"I wanted to make something that would please everyone," says Moligian, a graduate of

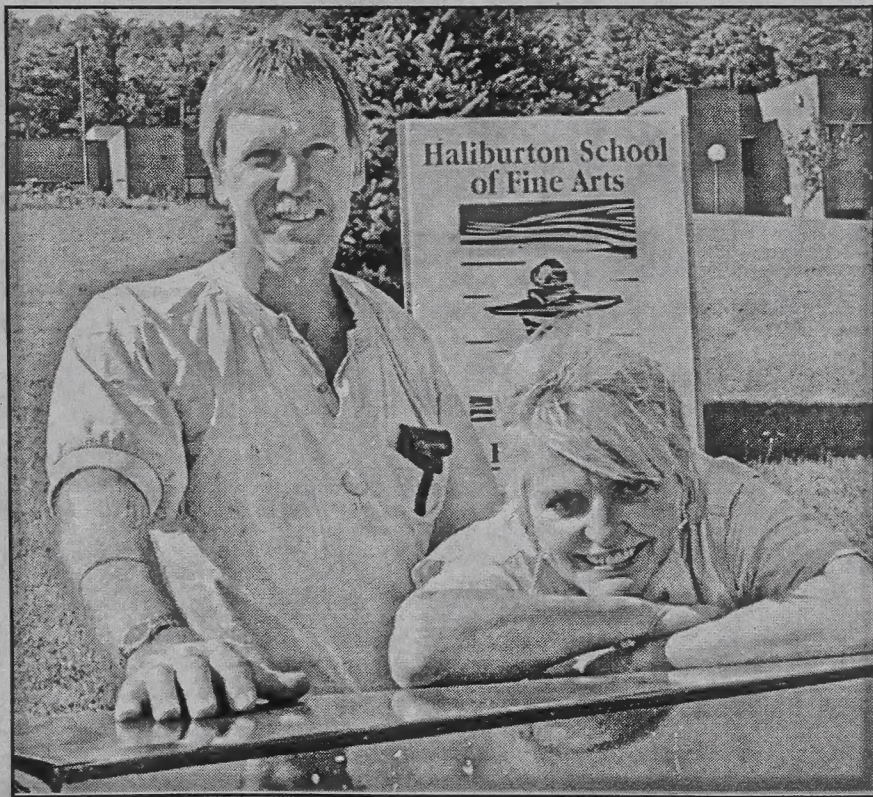
Sheridan College who has taught pottery at the School of Fine Arts. "When we started talking (with Leonard and the community groups), they wanted to use found objects and I balked at it. Then this just happened. It just evolved."

Beside each installation is a sculpture of a stylized VA for Visual Arts (or the bilingual Art Visuel when read from the other

side.) The VA symbol was designed and installed by committee member Roy Truchan.

The committee would like to thank Blair Sand and Gravel and John Cooper from Minden Rent All for their help.

The next project is in Gooderham, where Hunter's mill has donated its old water wheel, which once powered the sawmill.



WHERE'S IT'S LOVE:

Three years ago, Suzanne Barber took her first course at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts and loved it. Last year, she managed to convince her special friend Brian Juby to take a course at the same time. A short time later, Brian proposed to Suzanne and she said yes. They married in this past June and decided there was no place they'd rather spend their honeymoon than in Haliburton - at the School of Fine Arts, of course. They arrived in Haliburton in style, with Brian behind the wheel of his spiffy 1936 Dodge, and although they were in separate classrooms - he took bird carving she took cartooning - they did manage to sneak in a lot of time together. (They also almost managed to sink their paddleboat while in the middle of Pine Lake. The paddleboat was re-named the Titanic.) In two weeks, they'll even get to enjoy a second honeymoon since they're both enrolled in two more courses at the School, and they're already wondering what's being offered next year.

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Without sports, HHSS students ask "what else are we supposed to do with our spare time?"

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But now Koz is worried his hopes for the title and a scholarship will be finished, unless teachers reverse their decision on cancelling sports.

"Haliburton is known for its sports and for winning. That'll suck if they cut it out in our last year," he said.

At HHSS — isolated for other high schools in the region and the only high school in the county — sports play a huge role in school life.

"It's big team-building thing," said Greg Simmons, voted male athlete of the year for 1997-98. "In Grade 9 when you go to school you've got kids from Haliburton and Minden and other places, and sports help to bring everyone together. It's a big part of the school's spirit."

In a county where there are very few organized activities for teens outside of school, getting involved in sports is a way to

socialize with friends.

"You become better friends through sports," says 17-year-old Jason Henry, who plays on the school's hockey and football teams. "We just love sports — it's what you look forward to about going to school... When 3:30 comes along, you look forward to it."

"I'm upset sports have been cancelled. What else are we supposed to do with our spare time, go out and rob a store or something?" said 16-year-old Jaime Hughes, who plays field hockey and soccer. "Sports is the only thing there is to do in Haliburton."

Hughes said she's thinking of calling Trillium Lakelands School Board chair Cheryl Murdoch to let her know how upset students are by COSSA's decision to suspend sports.

"I hope they'll find a way that we can have our sports even if they can have people volunteer their time as coaches so the



NO MORE FIELDS OF DREAMS:

Jason Henry and Nathan Koz had been dreaming of a COSSA football championship this year, but those dreams have been dashed by COSSA's decision to cancel after-school sports because teachers no longer have as much prep time. Students feel caught in the middle between the teachers and government, and many don't think it's fair.

teachers don't have to do it."

Hughes said many students understand why teachers say they can't devote time to sports as of September, but they don't agree with their decision.

"I think everyone's mad about it," she said.

Grade 11 student Nicole Cooper said she was stunned when she heard there would be no sports in September.

"I was like there's no point in me going to school anymore then because that's the main reason I go to school."

Cooper, a member of the

school's field hockey, volleyball and track and field teams, said she and her friends are planning to start a petition against the cancellation of sports.

They also intend to let Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson know of their opposition to education changes, such as teacher prep time cuts, which have caused many teachers to opt out of coaching.

Cooper said she sympathizes with teachers, but is "extremely angry and disappointed" by their decision.

However, she also feels the province shares in the blame.

"I'm mad at the government because they're not taking

our lives into consideration here. They're not thinking how this is hurting us."

OAC student John Craig believes the teachers' federation is using the cancellation of sports "as a ploy" to generate anger among parents, which can then be used as a tool to pressure Queen's Park to revamp its education reforms.

But in the end, he's optimistic at least some form of limited sports program will be in place when school resumes after the summer break.

"Athletics are a part of high school," said Craig, a cross-country runner, nordic skier and soccer team member. "I don't see how they cancel sports and still call themselves educators."

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Family Services of Haliburton County is not conducting a fundraising campaign by telephone.

Executive Director Fay Martin says one woman let the organization know that she had been solicited for a donation by telephone. She was told the money was for a fun day.

Martin says the organization has never, and will never, conduct a fundraising campaign by phone and urges people to contact the office if solicited.

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Minden mural project gets official launch

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Artist John Lennard reminded us what it means to be Canadian last week when he unveiled his vision of a Canadian landscape from a time gone by.

As part of the Canada Day celebration in Minden, Lennard gave the town a glimpse of what his mural on the side of the Minden Times building will look like when it is finished.

Larry Hodgson of the Minden Mural Art Committee helped Lennard unveil the miniature mural replicas that he had presented to the committee when it was initially deciding how its first mural would be done.

Hodgson said his peers were skeptical when he first started talking about the mural project five months ago.

Since that time, however, the mural committee has received support from many local groups and has plans for other murals to be put up



Artist John Lennard and Larry Hodgson, chair of the Minden Mural Art Committee, launched the project on Canada Day.

around the town, including one that has been commissioned for the Minden IDA building.

Representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 attended the ceremony to show their support for the committee's work.

Branch 636 president Francine Newton presented Hodgson with a cheque for \$2,000.

The committee also thanked Jack Brezina, publisher of the Minden Times, for his generous donation of wall space and

materials for Lennard's mural.

Tickets were being sold outside the Times building last week for a raffle in support of the mural committee. The winner will receive the two mural replicas in frames.

Barb Bolin, chair of the Haliburton County

Development Corporation arts committee, said Lennard's mural will add to a tradition of artistry that goes back to the roots of this country.

"This mural will help define Haliburton as an artistic community," she said.

Board of education to fight for more funds

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The area's school board is calling on the provincial government to increase its funding by more than \$2-million for busing and special education, otherwise it will have to make an equivalent amount of cuts.

Trustees with the Trillium Lakelands School board have put together a preliminary draft of their first full-year budget, detailing more than \$137.5 million in expenditures for the year beginning September 1.

The budget includes an additional \$1.25 million for special education programs than the amount already allocated by Queen's Park. The extra funds are needed to address the needs of what the board considers a large number of students identified with exceptionalities.

Superintendent of finance Al Ingram said he's "reasonably confident" the additional funding will come through.

The Ministry of Education has indicated it may have underestimated its original allocation for special education, he said.

However, the board may have a more difficult case trying to get additional money for bus-

ing.

Trustees want the Ministry to bump up the board's transportation budget by \$763,000 to \$11.2 million.

Queen's Park has given boards across the province a three-per cent funding reduction for transportation for the year ahead.

But Trillium Lakelands trustees contend it's "unrealistic" of the province to expect boards to be able to absorb the decrease at the same time as the government has increased the school year by five days.

Ingram said the board has already begun negotiations with its busing contractor to find savings. But if the province doesn't add more into the transportation pot, the board may have to cut from other parts of its budget.

The board has also applied for nearly \$10-million in additional funding through the Ministry's \$385-million School Board Restructuring fund to pay for expenses related to amalgamation.

Ingram said the board submitted a list of 12 projects it's hoping the province will fund, including an \$8-million telecommunications network to link all schools and board offices.

"That's sort of our wish list. We'd be very surprised if we got funding for all of the projects."

The board's preliminary budget provides for \$81.6-million in what is defined as classroom spending. That represents 62.8 per cent of all operating costs, a slight increase over last year when classroom costs added up to 61.9 per cent of the budget.

The remaining \$48.3 million in the preliminary budget covers so-called non-classroom expenditures, including transportation, buildings, teacher preparation time and salaries for principals, vice-principals, school secretaries, consultants and board administration.

A computer in every student's home a goal for the year 2000

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Diana Ferguson thinks every kid in the county should be wired — and she won't need a whole lot of sugar to do it.

Ferguson, chair of the Haliburton County Networking Group, recently began working on a plan that could ensure all students in the Highlands have home computers by the year 2000.

The "Wired Kids 2000 Project," as it is tentatively being called, aims to provide economically disadvantaged students from Grades 4 to 12

with computers funded by corporate and individual sponsors.

"The objective is to ensure that every school kid in the county has a computer in the home to practise on," said Ferguson. "It would encourage more kids to stay in school and probably do better in school."

The ambitious plan would require raising about \$2-million to buy computers for approximately 2,000 students.

That number will likely drop in September, said Ferguson, when she plans to have students fill out a survey at school indicating whether or not they

already have computers.

Once the results are in, Ferguson will begin making funding proposals to County Council, the Telecommunications Access Program, Community Access Programs, Rotary clubs, cottage associations and computer companies.

She has already begun speaking to representatives at IBM, Compac and Microsoft about a discounted price and is optimistic she can work out a deal.

But corporate donations will likely only cover half of the project's cost, said Ferguson. The rest will have to be raised by

individual donors and the students themselves.

Some of the fundraising ideas Ferguson has come up with include getting banks to set up inexpensive leasing deals with students, having students perform community work to pay for the computers and initiating an "adopt-a-kid" program, whereby individuals could pay about \$50 a month to sponsor a computer for a child.

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The quaintness of being small

THERE'S SORT OF A REVERSE PRIDE when it comes to describing small town life. Toronto may yearn to be a "world class city", or "New York run by the Swiss", as Peter Ustinov used to say, but here in the village of Haliburton, it's almost a game to magnify how small the village can be. For instance, when giving directions to city students applying for a summer job at The Echo, it was always fun to hear the intake of breath when you tell the potential candidate that if they get to the only three-coloured light in a radius of 80 kilometres, they've gone too far. These urban students were already wondering what they were getting themselves into when you patiently explained that you couldn't simply give them a street address because there were none.

Without numbers on any of the buildings, no one has really bothered to memorize all the street names either. Instead, when giving directions you use local landmarks - turn left at the plane, cross the bridge and follow the river, or turn left at the only three-coloured light in an 80-kilometre radius. (For those who haven't thought of the county in these terms before, the nearest beacons of civilization are at the junction of Hwys 35 and 48 in Coboconk, the single lane bridge in Dorset, and downtown Bancroft.)

All that will be for naught when the Ministry of Transportation goes ahead with plans to widen the Hwy 35 by-pass through Minden. Not only is the Ministry going to add an extra lane, but it's also installing three three-coloured lights. Three! How big the county will seem. How sophisticated Minden will be.

Since the Ministry is not sure when all of this is going to happen, only to say it will be within the next five years, that gives us a few months to come up with different ways of describing how small the villages in the Highlands can be. After all, "blink and you'll miss it" and "they roll the pavement up at six" are getting a bit long in the tooth and the lack of lights will be but a quaint memory. What ways can you think of to complete the following: You know you're in a small town when...

The downside of being small

As you come up with ways to describe small town life in the Highlands, also think of it in terms of what it's like to be a teenager here. With only one high school in the county, that building doubles as a recreational centre and the hub of students' social life. Some of that social life takes place on the football field or in the gymnasium as students train for various athletic endeavours, learning how to work together as a team and burning off some of that excess energy.

When the teachers involved with the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Association voted to cancel all after-school sports because changes in the Education Act leave high school teachers with less prep time during the day, many students felt as if the rug was being pulled from under them. Some of them enjoy sports for the sport itself, but for many, participating in school teams is an extension of their social life - and in some cases, their only access to a fulfilling social life. There are few other alternatives - no YMCAs, or boys and girls clubs, no place for them to gather after school.

Let's hope that by September, the teachers and the province have resolved the conflict that is so harmful to the county's teenagers.

highlands images



Minden Crazy Rafters on Canada Day

by Dianne Choma

letters to the editor

Purse stealing not expected here

To the Editor:

I am writing to you about an incident that occurred on Wednesday, June 24 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. While the students, parents, and teachers were participating in the Grade 8 graduation ceremonies in the upstairs gym, someone was downstairs stealing my purse!

After experiencing the honour

of being part of such a gratifying occasion, I can only express my feelings in one word, disappointment. I would like to think that this dishonest act was not committed by a member of our school!

In addition to my own identification, were my little girls' health cards and immunization records. These are difficult items to replace. If someone did see something suspicious please

contact the authorities. A reward will be offered for the return of my identification, no questions asked.

The main issue is not the valuables or the money, but I do wish to restore my trust in people. This is not something you expect to happen in Haliburton!

Lorie Reddering,
Lochlin

Education changes deserve clear explanation

To the Editor:

On the 18th of June, I accompanied the Grade 8 Archie Stouffer Public School trip to the Legislative Assembly.

At the commencement of our tour we were met by a short walk. Although this seems trivial, we were angered when we discovered that American tour buses could park in front of the building while we, Ontario taxpayers, were made to park over 100 metres away.

The Grade 8s were then met by Chris Hodgson, our Member of Provincial Parliament. His responses to the Grade 8s' questions and concerns about the well-being of their education system and his role in recent restrictions were rambling and indirect, using language which a political science university student would struggle to

grasp. The students were left confused, frustrated and dissatisfied.

Our group was then appalled and disappointed when, from the public gallery, we witnessed a mere 15 members attending the parliament session and most of these were behaviourally outshone by the pages, who also outnumbered them.

Changes in the provincial government have forced an increase on the upcoming Grade 8 classes by 10 students, from 22 to 32 children per class, and has cut back on badly needed, if not essential, guidance. Mr. Hodgson has also neglected the music program.

Education is the root of social and economic well-being of society. It is Mr. Hodgson's obligatory duty to ensure that the quality of the education system is improved to ensure the

development of a sound community. Instead of concentrating on his own career, Mr. Hodgson should endeavour to do his job as an elected representative.

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your letters

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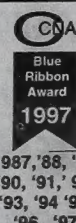


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Adding another ingredient to the mix

UNTIL THAT SATURDAY, Susan had lived a rather predictable life. Up at six, go for a walk, feed herself and the four small mouths, go to work. The four small mouths were her cats. She and they enjoyed each other's company and understood each other pretty well. Or so Susan had thought. It all changed that Saturday. She fell in love. With a puppy. And that changed everything, everywhere.

Working for an understanding and worker-friendly establishment had enabled Susan to follow her heart and adopt the puppy in the first place. But she hadn't counted on dragging puppy and paraphernalia to work like a parent with a newborn, diaper bag, carrier and all. She needed more arms, more room in her car, more paper towels. The virtues of soda water for stain and odour removal were extolled to her much like the benefits of gripe water had been some twenty years previously.

Nothing was predictable now. Her morning routine was turned upside down as was every activity indoors. Being on constant, hyper vigilant alert for a small piece of fluff squatting indiscriminately can really throw a kink into meal preparation, makeup application, or talking on the phone. You can imagine what it does to reading a book. So Susan tried different strategies.



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These were to carry Fluff or to hold Fluff when she wanted control over his actions. But while these may sound reasonable, given Fluff weighed under five pounds,

they only added to a rapidly increasing complication of her life. For example, upon waking in the morning, who gets to go to the bathroom first - pet or human? Holding a puppy while trying to manipulate clothing is awkward but watching an unhurried canine casually stroll in the backyard while you move from foot to foot in discomfort, is not a great way to start the day. On the other hand, Susan thought it would be easy, even enjoyable, to hold Fluff on her lap while she read. Wrong. Two factors came into play for this one.

First, the squirmy, teething puppy wanted to move and grab and gnaw on book, jeans, fingers, hair and chair arm. Second, she had underestimated the cats. In fact, you may have noticed that the four cats have not been mentioned since the puppy appeared in this tale. Their reactions could make a novel in length; however, we'll be brief.

Regarding the reading with puppy in lap activity. One of the male cats had always taken it as a universal truth that when Susan sat, so did he and always in her lap. The first time he tried to jump on top of the puppy, there were shrieks, fur and scampering feet all around. He didn't come near Susan for two days and she, seeing as how he was the biggest eater in the family, thought she was in for a small boost to her weekly budget.

The other male, a more reserved fellow than the lap sitter, had a complete change of personality. He began to place himself anywhere Susan might easily reach him, and wordlessly beg to be scratched, petted and stroked. Like a man returned from being lost in the desert, he could not seem to get enough attention. Susan's arm began to ache from the constant workout and still he wanted more.

As to the other two cats, both females, they virtually disappeared for a while. Susan knew by the colour of the streaks that ran past her and out the door, that they were outside subsisting on mice and chipmunks. But she worried they might never feel brave enough to come home again. She believed that once they became used to Fluff, they would realize that not only were they bigger than he, he had stolen none of Susan's love for them. There was plenty to go around. And all Fluff wanted to do was play.

Even eating came after play. In fact, eating even came after sleeping. He would bound after butterflies, wind blown weeds or a bouncing ball and then lie down and sleep like the baby he was. After a few days, the two male cats came to realize that while Fluff could be annoying to their adult sensibilities, he was harmless and might even be entertaining. The female cats took longer to see the reality of the situation, however. One female returned to eating in the house but it was a pathetically furtive meal to watch. The other cat stole inside for a dish of food in the garage before taking off again for another day. It would take time.

So why did Susan do it in the first place? Maybe she thought her life had become too darn predictable.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past takes us to Ben Miller's store in Burnt River. That's Ben Miller, who was once a soldier at Fort Henry in Kingston, standing in the doorway. The women are his sisters Leana and Emily and his wife Eliza holding baby Ed. The other

children are Annie, Lizzie, Billy and Jack. Many people in Haliburton would know Ed Miller as the owner of the general store which is now the home of Wild Oat Art Cafe. Our thanks to his daughter, Colleen Morrison of West Guilford for sharing the photo with us.

Health card clinics set up in Lindsay



MPP Chris
Hodgson

queen's park

AREA RESIDENTS who need to replace health cards that are lost, stolen or damaged will have the opportunity to do so in Lindsay starting this summer.

Many people in our area are finding the drive to the Peterborough or Oshawa Ministry of Health offices to be very inconvenient, particularly students, seniors, people who work and people without vehicles.

After numerous calls to my office in Lindsay requesting a local registration site, the service will be up and running in July.

The Ministry will be in the Ontario government building at 322 Kent St. in Lindsay to issue replacement photo health cards by appointment during specific dates as follows: July 9; August

13, September 10; October 8; November 12 and December 10.

In addition, people reporting a name change, citizenship status change or are new Ontario residents can use this service. People must register in person and must have:

- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or immigration status
- Proof that you live in Ontario (ie: current document with your name and home address, or valid Ontario driver's licence.)
- Proof of signature
- Proof of name change, if applicable.

Children 15-1/2 or younger, who need replacement cards, do

not have to attend in person. A parent should take an original document to show the child's Canadian citizenship or immigration status plus their own health card and residency and signature documents.

The above registration dates are by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call the Ministry outreach services in Oshawa at (905) 434-3724. Collect calls are accepted.

If you have a valid red and white health card currently, you do not need to have your card replaced. If you aren't sure, please call my office in Lindsay or the Ministry of Health Infoline at 1-800-268-1154.

Where there's a need, there's a way

To the Editor:

The recommendations of the inquest looking into the murder/suicide of Arlene May and Randy Iles surely underscore the need for Women's Emergency House in Haliburton County. The abuse of women and children is a fact in this county. The calls don't stop coming. The house must be open as long as the need is there.

We, as a community are responsible for what happens here. If we all had the courage to take action when we see abuse in our families, our neighbourhoods and our communities, we would not need an emergency house. Until the happy day when we have such a healthy community, we have no choice.

Eric Lilius,
Haliburton

Straight answers, not political jargon needed

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sentative by fighting for the decreasing standard in education and owes children in his electorate straight answers instead of incoherent political jargon.

The behaviour of Mr. Hodgson and the absence of members of the Legislative

Assembly are factors which cause citizens to develop a sense of helplessness about their roles in a democratic society. They have allowed the evolution of an inefficient government that is out of touch with the community.

Yolanda Cowan,
Minden

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

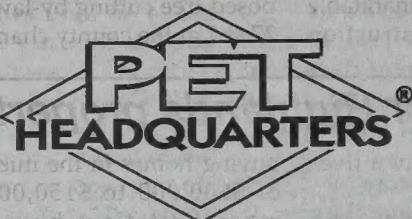




LET'S PLAY BALL

Thursday night soccer has resumed in Haliburton, to the obvious enjoyment of the dozens of young participants. The recreational league is a fun way to discover what that World Cup enthusiasm is all about. Games take place at JDHES and the high school.

Photos by PETER DOWNS



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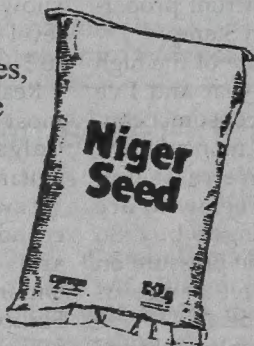
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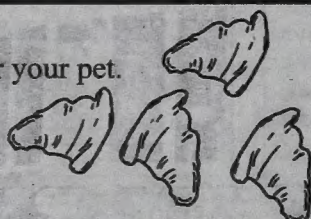
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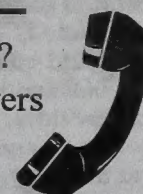


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Children's Aid has trouble keeping workers

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the June 24 meeting of county council.

The Children's Aid Society is having difficulties attracting and retaining workers at the Haliburton office, reported Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon, who represents the county on the Kawartha, Haliburton, Pine Ridge Children's Aid Society.

Although Haliburton is supposed to have two case workers, it's had only one for the past three months, although it did recently get a temporary replacement and hopes to hire someone permanently soon.

Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who sits on the board of Family Services of Haliburton County, which shares space with the CAS, says "the workers feel isolated in Haliburton. It seems it's hard for the CAS to keep staff, which I think is sad."

In this region's CAS, there are 233 children in care, which is 40 more than last year, a trend that's in evidence across the province.

Ambulance

Since ambulance attendants fall under the umbrella of healthcare professionals, county councillors believe the Ministry of Health should continue to pay ambulance costs.

They voted in favour of supporting a letter from another county, telling the province that ambulance costs should not be one of the services downloaded to municipalities.

"If they are going to give it to us," said Warden Murray Fearrey, then municipalities should get full control "so we can initiate changes."

Fire fighting

If there's a fire along one of the former provincial highways that are now county roads, then fighting the fire will be the responsibility of the municipality in which the fire takes place.

This creates an additional expense for Snowdon and Lutterworth, which do not have volunteer firefighters. They'll have to continue to rely on

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neighbouring municipalities and foot the bill.

Meanwhile, county council agreed with a motion from Monmouth council that the Ministry of Natural Resources should declare when there's a burning ban. It's too confusing for people when the municipalities have the responsibility, since two neighbouring municipalities may react differently. There's also the problem of municipalities not having the resources to enforce a ban.

Roads

Although some owners of tandem trucks have been complaining they aren't being called for county jobs, McMahon said proper procedure is being followed. The roads department has a list of available truck owners and calls them as needed. If the person isn't home and doesn't have an answering machine, the department goes to the next person on the list.

Meanwhile, the county will be pulverizing and resurfacing the part of Highway 121 in Haliburton near the narrows. This should be the last piece of road work as the result of the new sewer lines. The work should be done in late July or early August.

Strategic plan

Many of the sub-committees are active, Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon reported, and some of the most exciting possibilities

are beginning to take shape within the new marketing committee, headed by Stu Brandon.

The economic development committee is looking into bringing natural gas to the county, which would allow more industry. "It's a large task but not impossible," Anthon said.

Healthy Communities

Anthon successfully encouraged the county to join the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, "a most effective communication network" for communities which want to look at all aspects of healthy living. The coalition recognizes that such things as unemployment and family problems can affect a person's health and must be addressed. There is no cost for joining.

Social services

Talks to amalgamate the Haliburton and Victoria County social services departments are going well. "The attitude is positive, with the desire to work together," reported Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe.

The county department was also congratulated for how well it's implementing the Ontario Works program.

As for the statistics on how many people rely on General Welfare Allowance, there seems to be a continuation of a downward trend. Here are the numbers from each May 31 since 1991:

1991: 276 cases representing 605 people

1992: 44 cases representing 962 people

1993: 563 cases representing 1,250 people

1994: 670 cases representing 1,512 people

1995: 590 cases representing 1,281 people

1996: 541 cases representing 1,223 people

1997: 515 cases representing 1,147 people

1998: 442 cases representing 1,010 people

Libraries

The recent book sale garnered \$250 which will be used to purchase children's books. Since not as much money as expected was raised, another sale is planned for August.

Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman said a sign identifying the county library office should be installed to let people know it's there.

Hyland Crest

The senior citizens' home's budget is on target, with more savings planned for the coming fiscal year.

Staff have taken it upon themselves to find new office space in the basement to accommodate the temporary residences which are being created on the main floor. These temporary rooms are for residents whose rooms will either be torn down or made temporarily inhabitable by the upcoming construction

for the large addition.

"(The staff) deserve a lot of credit" for doing the planning and moving themselves, Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates reported.

MNR dams

The Ministry of Natural Resources operates five dams in the Highlands, two small ones in Glamorgan and Lutterworth and three for the Trent Severn Waterways.

At a recent meeting in Kinmount, the MNR intimated it would like to divest itself of dams "which do not serve their purpose," Bates said. Municipalities and cottage associations will be approached about taking over responsibility for the dams.

This may be an expensive responsibility, she warned. Estimates for repairs at the Kinmount dam are between \$100,000 and \$150,000, and the repairs won't be optional.

"We're looking at major costs," agreed Snowdon Deputy-revee Dwaine Wruth, filling in for Reeve Ross Rigney.

Warden Fearrey joked that "if we could get control of the Trent Severn Waterway dams, we'd certainly dry things up down below."

Meetings

The steering committee will meet July 14 at 7 p.m. at the county chambers to continue discussions on restructuring and "who does what" at the municipal and county level.

A meeting to discuss the proposed tree cutting by-law is July 27 at 7 at the county chambers.

Stronger economy leads to increased demand for Highlands properties

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

A strong economy plus confident buyers equals increased spending in the Highlands this year, says one of the presidents of the world's largest real estate chain.

Donald Lawby, Canadian president of Century 21, says Haliburton County can only stand to gain from the rising popularity of cottages and the increasing willingness of consumers to spend their money.

"I think the fundamentals are in place for the continuation of a good economy. In an area like Haliburton, as the economy continues to strengthen in Southern Ontario, you will have more and more investment in the area as people come up looking at recreational properties. So I see very good things."

Lawby was in Haliburton recently to visit the new Century 21 branch.

He and broker Derrell Stamp discussed the changes in real estate trends they have noticed

since the end, in 1995, of a five-year slump in sales.

In Haliburton County, the demand for waterfront property is up again, said Stamp.

"We've seen more of the high end market this year and I've attributed that to consumer confidence and more money in the market place. We're seeing more early retirees who are coming up wanting to buy. So that's putting some pressure on the \$200,000 price range of waterfront properties."

Stamp said fewer people are

buying homes in the mid-range of \$100,000 to \$150,000, but more first time buyers are showing an interest in entry-level properties costing \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Real estate sales are up across most of Canada, especially in Calgary, followed closely by Ontario.

Lawby predicted that, with economic conditions as strong and stable as they are in Ontario, the recent increase in Haliburton's real estate sales will continue for some time.

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Health services ready to get serious about fundraising

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board's second annual general meeting on June 25.

Now that it appears construction on the county's health-care expansion projects will begin in just weeks, it's time for fundraising activities to move into high gear, say officials.

As it waited for the projects to get off the drawing board, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has been planning many events and initiatives to help raise the county's share of the construction costs, said its chair, Dale Walker.

"We know our road is a long one, but I'm confident we can get there," Walker told the audience at Haliburton's Legion.

The Foundation already has approximately \$1.27 million in its bank account from previous fundraising efforts, but it will need to raise in excess of \$5 million more to cover the local share of approximately \$6.5 million.

Walker said she has been encouraged by recent donation commitments from organizations that will add a substantial

amount of money to the Foundation's balance.

Commitments totalling \$675,000 have been pledged by the Minden Rotary Club (\$150,000), the Minden Hospital Auxiliary (\$150,000), the Minden Lions Club (\$100,000), the Haliburton Rotary Club (\$250,000) and various individuals and associations (\$25,000).

Walker said members of the Foundation have come up with a long list of fundraising events that will take place this summer and over the upcoming months.

"Now that the waiting is all over, we're ready to put our plans to work," she said.

Many potential donors have said they want to see the actual bricks and mortar coming together before they support the fundraising effort.

That time has just about come, said board chairman Hugh Nichol.

In a later interview, HHHS executive director Foster Loucks said the community's assistance is crucial.

"I really hope that people are starting to realize it is going to happen and it's going to need a lot of support to help finance it."

Funding shortfall

In its final report on health-care delivery in the region, the

Health Services Restructuring Commission supports what the board has said since its inception — it's being under-funded by the Ministry of Health.

The report recommends that the Ministry increase the board's base budget by roughly \$175,000.

Pressuring the Ministry to act on the commission's recommendation will be a top priority of the board, said Nichol.

"We will pursue this with the same determination as (we showed) with our capital projects," he said.

The additional funding would help the board cover its current operating deficit and absorb a number of new costs it's facing.

Among them, a province-wide negotiated salary increase of two per cent for registered nurses will have a \$40,000 annual impact on the board, Nichol noted.

He forecasted the need to increase spending on salaries in the future as health-care workers who haven't had raises for years push for higher wages when they renew contracts.

Operating deficit

Despite starting the year \$75,000 in the hole and receiving a funding cut of five per cent, or \$130,000, the board fin-



Board members Hugh Nichol and Ross Rabjohn discuss highlights of the meeting.

ished its fiscal year in better financial shape than expected.

Instead of being more than \$200,000 in the red, the board was able to cut its deficit back to \$125,000 by trimming some expenditures and reducing some services.

Nichol said the operating deficit underscores the importance of convincing the Ministry to provide it with the increased base budget the board believes it rightly deserves.

Supportive housing

The board's supportive housing program at the Staunworth housing complex in Minden has gotten off to a great start, said Kim Stamp, co-chair of the board's advisory committee.

The program, which provides

care to residents in their homes, is assisting nine clients.

"I'm very proud to say one client will be able to moving back to his home, thanks to the care he's received from supportive housing," said Stamp.

Plans are in place to expand the program to Haliburton as early as August.

New board members

The board welcomed four new members to replace four who decided to step down.

Jack Brezina, Betty Glendinning, Dr. Maurice Smith and Dr. Peter White have joined the board, while Kim Emmerson, Rheta Jones, Ken Wilson and Peter Franzen stepped down.



Hockey School, Tournaments

Haliburton Hockey Haven has determined the ice times for the day camp. For parents or grandparents, bring the hockey player to the Dysart Arena at 10:30am and pick him/her up at approximately 5:15 pm. The youths will have 3 hours of ice instruction split into two - 1.5 hour sessions. Parents are to supply a bag lunch, Hockey Haven will supply refreshments.

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Pick up	5:15pm

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New owners of camp continue to host events

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the annual meeting of the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association July 5.

Karl and Catharine Gonnens, the new owners of Camp Illahee, hosted this year's annual meeting.

The couple from Grimsby purchased the property in January and have promised to continue the tradition of using the campgrounds for meetings and association events.

Tax Increases

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke about the potential for hefty tax increases in Ward 2 when Actual Value Assessment rates come into effect.

With assessments for seasonal properties on the rise, cottagers were concerned about when they would find out for sure how much they have to pay in property taxes.

"It has been a very difficult thing to deal with," said Fearrey. "There isn't any easy rule of thumb. There are variances between lakes."

Fearrey said council has set a tentative budget, which indicates a 0.95 per cent tax rate for Dysart.

Of the more than 2,600 properties in Ward 2, Fearrey said 1,141 would receive a tax increase of up to \$700 while 1,477 property owners would see their taxes drop by up to \$300.

Of those properties receiving tax cuts, few would be lake front lots, Fearrey said.

Dombind controversy

Association member Sara Katz raised concerns over the use of Dombind to suppress dust on dirt roads surrounding Drag Lake.

Katz said the chemical is being used too close to waterfronts and is posing an environmental hazard for residents and wildlife.

Association president Terry Buchkowsky said members would send a formal letter of complaint to council and would attempt to put an end to the use of Dombind on the roads.

Road work

Councillor Al Ferguson, the association's past president, addressed concerns about spring washouts and the condition of roads around Drag Lake.

He asked the association to make a prioritized list of roads that still needed to be repaired and to consider whether or not members would be willing to accept a tax increase to support road work.

"Feedback from the association is key in this. We want to make sure you get the biggest bang for your buck," said Ferguson.

Ferguson said spring washouts have been temporarily repaired in the area. The municipality will try using bigger boulders and ditches to prevent future problems.

Lake studies

Testing has shown that the water quality in Drag Lake and Spruce Lake is "still pristine," said Larry Olive, chair of the Lake Steward water quality subcommittee.

A lakeshore capacity study done by Michael Michalski Associates indicates that Drag Lake can accommodate 67 new lots, in addition to the 110 lots that have been purchased but not developed, without harming the quality of the lake.

Art Lake and Outlet Bay, however, cannot handle any more development without harming lake trout populations.

Hospital donation

In its tradition of supporting the county's health care system, the association presented a cheque for \$250 to Dale Walker, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

"We know our that goal is a lofty one, but we're counting on your support," said Walker after thanking the association for its donation.



Dale Walker, right, chairperson of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation accepts a cheque from association member Dave Laferte at Sunday's Drag Lake meeting.

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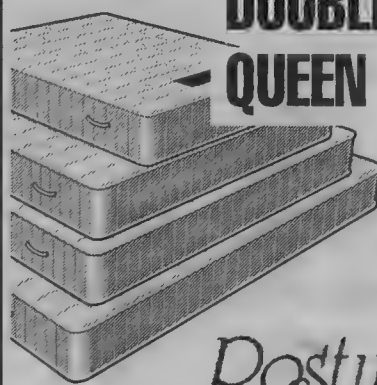
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More people than ever turned out for the fun and festivities on Wednesday. The kids enjoyed the games and the adults enjoyed the food and camaraderie. Highlights on this page include: Erin Fearrey and Joel Cooper as Mr. and Miss Canada Day, top left; Jennifer Johnston again winning the Pine Lake swim, above; balloon catcher Eric Stokes; and horsehoer Jackie Morrison at left



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If county council gives tax break to some, others will have to pick up the difference

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"tax ratio" of other tax classes, such as commercial. Those classes would be taxed at a higher rate, generating more income for municipalities who could then lower the amount of money they needed to get from the residential class.

Since Haliburton County has such a small commercial base, however, county council decided this wouldn't be fair to local businesses. And say what you will about AVA, its intent is that the property tax system is fair to everyone: you pay according to what your property is worth on the real estate market.

So county council has decided that any changes in taxes will be based solely on whether a property's value increased or decreased under AVA.

Meanwhile, county councillors are concerned that regional assessors are not catching all the increased values of properties, thereby denying the cash-strapped county and municipalities with potential tax dollars.

"I think you've only scratched the surface" in determining a property's value in 1996 dollars, Warden Murray Fearrey told assessment commissioner Ruth Cameron and residential valuation manager John McQuat at Wednesday's county council meeting. "If we lose \$10-million (in assessment) today and \$10-million the next time (when assessments are appealed), we're up the creek."

When the new assessments were mailed out, people who thought their assessments were too high spoke out, often getting assessments reduced, but those whose assessments were too low remained silent, since it was in their best financial interests to do so.

Since the preliminary assessment rolls were mailed out to municipalities in January, com-

plaints by property owners have resulted in a 3.48% drop in the total residential assessment values in Haliburton County. That translates into \$79-million less to tax on a total residential assessment base of \$2.2-billion.

What is being done about

timated, Fearrey said.

"Unless the properties are visited, you'll never pick up (the improvements)," agreed Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe. "There are a lot of dollars out there and they should be found."

"It's almost a physical impossibility" to check each property every year, McQuat responded. Since most properties change hands every 10 years, however, every property should have

included.

McQuat cleared up one confusing aspect of commercial assessments. He said commercial values were changing since the original notices went out because owners are now sending them information about the building's "income value", which helps determine its property value. Councillors thought he was talking about how much money the businesses in the building were generating, but McQuat clarified that he meant rent income only.

"We thought you were Revenue Canada there for a minute," a relieved Fearrey quipped.

Council also decided not to expand the number of charities which are entitled to a tax break. The rules state that charities which have charitable status under federal income tax laws can get a minimum of a 40% tax rebate. Council could allow more charities to qualify and it could increase the amount of rebate, but opted for neither.

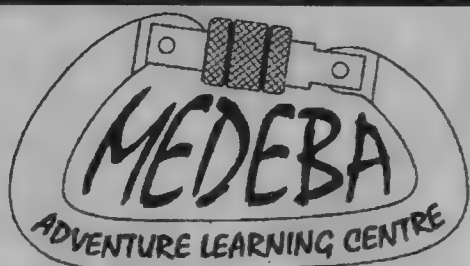
"Councillors are also concerned that the assessment office hasn't picked up all the changes property owners have made over the years. 'I think you've only scratched the surface,' Warden Murray Fearrey said"

updating the property values of people who have added on to their homes and cottages, county councillors asked.

"You can computer generate (values) as much as you want, but if you don't go out and see they've totally renovated or added a garage", then values will be underes-

accurate figures on a 10-year cycle.

Building officials also send the assessment office copies of building permits so assessors know work has been done. Fearrey noted, however, that often the value estimate on permits is low and labour isn't



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Fire heats up discussion on emergency response

■ *June lightning storm teaches a lesson to Koshlong Lake residents*

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Koshlong Lake Association's annual general meeting on June 26 at YMCA Camp Wanakita.

Two days after a blaze destroyed a cottage on the lake, association members spent much of the meeting discussing how best to respond to future fires.

A lightning strike on the afternoon of June 24 is being blamed as the cause of the fire that leveled Dwight Wilson's family cottage several hours later.

Geoffrey Seymour noticed the fire about midnight and retrieved one of the emergency water pumps the association has stored at several properties on

the lake and headed to the blaze.

Seymour told the audience he sounded the air horn kept with the pump to try to attract more people to help, but nobody heard it.

When he arrived at the scene in his boat, there was little that could be done for the cottage so firefighting efforts turned to trying to save as many trees as possible.

Because Glamorgan's fire department was busy at another storm-related fire, Dysart firefighters responded to the call. But the fire was so quick, the building was virtually gone by the time the fire trucks arrived.

"It was incredible how fast that thing went up," Seymour said. "... If it hadn't been for the significant rainfall, the fire would have been much worse."

Members wondered whether there is a more effective alternative to air horns to try to notify neighbouring property owners in the event of a fire.

But while the horns didn't work in this case, association chairman Graham Beeby said the horns have worked well in the past.

"Three years ago during the fire at (Geoff) Seymour's it was the horn that helped alert me and others so it was useful," he said.

The association plans post a reminder of steps to take during a fire in the fire boxes where water pumps are stored and publish the tips in its newsletter.

In a related matter, the association agreed to donate \$200 to Glamorgan's fire department to help pay for an auxiliary water tank that can be used to supplement its tanker trucks at fire scenes.

As well, Glamorgan fire chief Stuart Taylor has asked all road associations on the lake to ensure their roads are properly brushed to allow fire vehicles more room to maneuver.

'98 tax freeze

Though it's been "a hair-raising experience" to put together a budget in the wake of provincial downloading, Glamorgan reeve Elva Bates said the municipality will not hike taxes this year.

Bates said Glamorgan council has assembled a preliminary budget, but hasn't officially adopted it.

"It's pretty much a status quo budget with very little change in capital expenditures."

The budget provides for paving four kilometres of Bear Lake Rd., she said.

In other matters, Bates said county council will meet in mid-July to dis-

cuss which services handed down by the province should become the county's responsibility and which will be handled by municipalities.

She also said Glamorgan is looking at bringing in a comprehensive zoning bylaw to regulate development within the municipality.

Under the bylaw, homes and cottages would have to be set back 60 metres from cold water lakes, she said.

Bates said the setback follows provincial building requirements.

Snowdon Park

Volunteers are slowly but surely helping Snowdon Park realize its potential as a wetland preserve and tourist attraction, said guest speaker Irena Durling, of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists.

Though there are still many improvements planned for the 110-acre park, much has been done over the past couple of years, she said.

With the support of Snowdon Township, volunteers from the

Field Naturalists and Sir Sandford Fleming College's eco-tourism program have blazed about two kilometres of trails and put in two boardwalks, making a portion of the park wheelchair accessible.

Two shelters for cross country skiers have also been improved.

The field naturalists are hoping to build an observation tower in time for their annual general meeting on Aug. 15 to allow park visitors to watch birds and water fowl.

Durling said funding to help with the improvements has been greatly appreciated from local businesses and the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Durling encouraged people to visit the park or to volunteer their time to help make it a success.

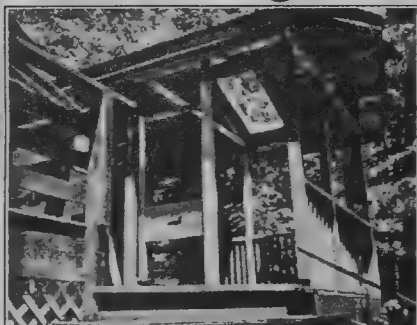
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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

THERE ARE THOSE people whose community work puts them in the public eye, and then there are those who work behind the scenes. Without either, no community could survive or prosper.

On Canada Day, West Guilford took time to honour two women whose culinary efforts have made the village such a wonderful place to live – and eat!

Sisters-in-law Marj and Ruth Bain were presented with 1998 Canada Day Pioneer Awards in appreciation for always being where the community needs them.

Ruth Swanton was born at Maple Lake and in 1938, married Clarence Bain and set up house in West Guilford. Four of their six children survived infancy and were at the Canada Day celebrations – Gerald, Rick, Wanda Reynolds and Pat Morrison – with their families.

"She is a great community volunteer, a friend to all who meet her and a cook extraordinaire," said Carol Stamp, who made the presentation. "Like Marj, not many functions take place without Ruth being involved in some form or another."

Ruth and Clarence were part of the group which transformed the former school into the present-day community centre, which plays such a vital role in

the village. Their skills at selling dance tickets became very well-known.

When it seemed that the West Guilford Baptist Church would have to be sold, Ruth and Marj helped with a drive to keep the church open. Their main contribution was cooking and serving hot meals at community functions in exchange for a donation to the church fund. "Today the church doors remain open... as a reminder of the type of people who live in West Guilford," Stamp said.

As well, "Ruth is always the first to volunteer to bring food for dances, weddings, showers, and most importantly, when a family in our community is in mourning," Stamp said. "Ruth, like Marj, readily and lovingly helps to arrange, prepare and serve food for the funeral lunch."

Her family knows of her expertise in the kitchen very well. "Ruth is the epitome of the meaning of the word matriarch. No special occasion is celebrated anywhere but at Grandma Ruth's (whose) sumptuous meals rival anything that the Royal York has to offer."

In a tribute to both women, Stamp said "through thick and thin, in sickness and in health, Ruth stands behind her family and friends. She and her sister-in-law and best friend Marj have enjoyed a close relationship for many years and after both losing their spouses, have been there to support one another



EFFORTS DON'T GO UNNOTICED: Marj and Ruth Bain, West Guilford's citizens of the year, listen while Carol Stamp reads out some of the reasons why the sisters-in-law are being honoured. Second from right is Kay Morrison, who also took part in the ceremony.

through many trying times and have enjoyed many good times."

In a speech by Kay Morrison, Marj Bain was described as a woman who has "donated countless hours preparing food for various functions and lovingly prepares baked goods and stores them in her freezer until she hears of someone who is in need. She is always available to give a helping hand on Canada Day. Together with Ruth, Marj has made countless loaves of sandwiches and trays of goodies for various functions."

Born in England, the fourth of a family of 10, she was a teenager when she met a handsome sergeant from West Guilford, Ont. named Leslie Bain during World War II. They fell in love and were married in December, 1945, just before Leslie returned to Canada. Marj sailed to her new home in February 1946 and

was met in Belleville by her new husband and his sister Irene.

Leslie (known as Let) was scaler and supervisor at Hays' mill while "Marj clerked at Prentice's store, cooked at the Hali-burton Hockey Haven and Camp White Pine, and sweated summer nights at the West Guilford laundromat doing camp laundry."

She also was the bartender at all licensed functions at the centre. "The only time she missed a dance was when she took a trip home to England

to see her family."

Marj and Let raised three sons – Bernard, Ronald and David.

But true to the descriptions of the two women, Ruth and Marj Bain didn't have much time to rest on their laurels. They were soon helping out in the community centre kitchen in preparation for the popular roast beef dinner that night.

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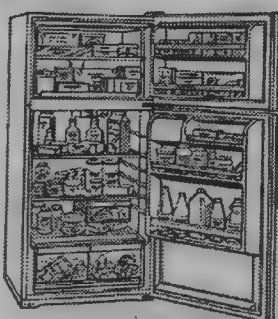


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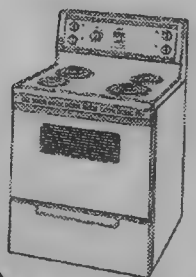
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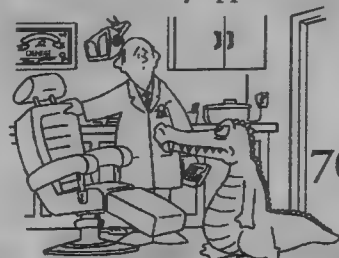
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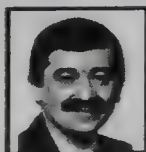
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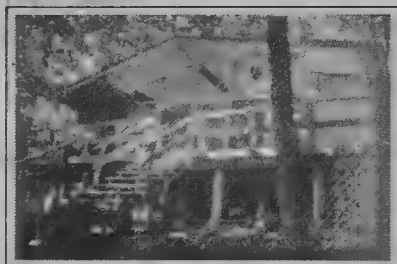


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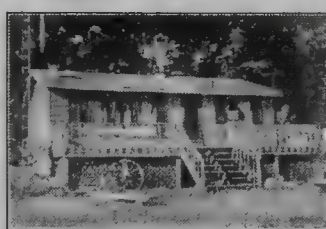


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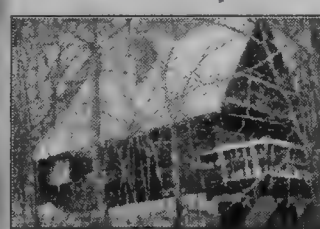
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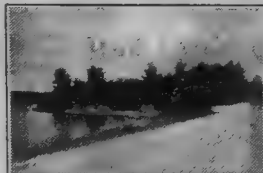


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GREAT PARTY:

Left: Doris Waymouth of the Wilberforce High Steppers entertains on the main stage.

Above: Rafter float down the Gull River in the Crazy Raft Race.

Right: Calvin Norry, 7, of Orangeville celebrates Canada's birthday and his own with friends Jordan Howe, 3, and Brittany Howe, 4, of Minden.

Bottom Left: Edie Feuerpfell of Coleman Lake shines up her 1961 Thunderbird at the Highlands Time Travellers antique car display.

Bottom Right: The Minden Legion Color Party raises the flag.



Minden celebrates Canada Day

Photos by Dianne Choma





NATIONAL PRIDE:

Horse drawn wagon rides, skateboard and kayak demonstrations, canoe and inner tube races, children's games, a Rock Bass derby, baseball games and fireworks helped make up the Canada Day celebrations in Minden last week. The Highlands Round Dancers, Breanne Mansfield's Scottish dancers, the Nuligac band, Grandfathers band, York Durham Martial Arts and Troy Miles' magic show kept the crowds entertained. Above: Cassie Mann, 5, has her face painted. Right: The giant birthday cake made by Marion Markowski was shared by all.



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THANK YOU

The Grand Opening of the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum was a smashing success. We couldn't have done it without an awful lot of help and hands on, so thumbs up, and big thanks, to the following folks:

- The 100 or so members of the public who came out on such a hot day to help us celebrate this historic event;
- Those who offered items for donation to the museum (you'll be hearing from us soon!)
- M.P. John O'Reilly and County Warden Murray Fearrey;
- Stanhope Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels, Councillors Jim Hicks and Tom Gardner, and especially Reeve Eleanor Harrison for being the M.C. for the day;
- Eleanor Kleinschmidt for overseeing the food and also to The Ladies Who Baked: Jerry Palmer, Jean Heckel, Fern Timbers, Paula Thorn, Betty Moffatt and Darlene Johnson
- Larry Hodgson and the Minden County Town Museum for their gift, their support and their desire to create a progressive relationship between the two museums;
- The Minden and Haliburton Lions clubs and Tara Lowe for their donations toward our sign, and to Tara for such a great job creating the sign;
- Tony Aymong for the tent, Dan Stiver for helping put it up and both Jim Hicks and Murray Daniels for helping take it down
- Bruce and Betty Moffatt, Ross Vincent, and Brad and Paula Thorn for those last few weeks of doing whatever it took to get the displays and the building ready;
- Landscape architect Dan Loukras for his donation of a landscape design for the building, and the Mapleseed company for the bag of seed;
- Gerald Bain and the township office staff, and Township employees Dan and Roger.

The museum will be open on Sundays from 1p.m. to 3p.m. and any other time "by chance or appointment".

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Sisson family inspires park in Guilford

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West Guilford has long been home to the Sisson clan, and now it's also home to a park dedicated in memory of one of the Sissons who played an active role in the area's politics and community life.

On Canada Day, the Sisson family was out in force to unveil the Holly Sisson Memorial Park next to the community centre.

The park, now a field of grass bordered by trees, was once the site of the village's Orange Hall, where Holly Sisson was born in 1918 after the family's house burned down on Pine Lake.

With a sentimental attachment to the place, Holly bought the Orange



The late Holly Sisson's four surviving siblings and most of his nine children and their families were on hand Canada Day to dedicate the new park in his honour. The ceremony, and the plaque at right, was organized by councillor Leon Jones.

Hall after the organization dissolved. Later, he and his family donated the building, which had deteriorated badly, and the land to the municipality of Dysart et al, keeping alive a family tradition of civic generosity.

Dysart councillor Leon Jones, who represents the Guilford area, helped organize the memorial and Wednesday's brief dedication service.

The event was attended by four of Holly's siblings - Ray, Don, Max and Brant, the only surviving children of Mark and Jane's family of 12 - as well as most of Holly and

Sylvia's nine children and their children. Sylvia, who lives at Haliburton Extencicare, was unable to attend.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said it was very appropriate for the service to take place on Canada Day.

"Holly cared about the people he knew, he cared about his community and he was proud as a Canadian," said Fearrey, who served two years on council with Holly Sisson, who was also the county's warden in 1961.

Sisson's strength as a politician and giver-of-advice was "he knew what people's values



were. He would have been extremely proud of the co-operation that made this park possible."

Holly's daughter, Nadene Campbell of Minden, thanked Leon Jones for his work to make the possible and acknowledged the park's importance in the family's lives.

"Dad was a man of many words but I'm just going to say thank you. Dad would have been very proud of this."

Rhubarb Fest

■ Eagle Lake welcomes summer with contests, dancing and food

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Canada Day! How good to at last see Canadians recognizing that we do have a national pride, not necessarily the flag waving, breast-beating kind, but a grateful appreciation that Canada is a glorious country, capably governed.

We have a growing acceptance of and pride in our diversity.

Ours is no melting pot, where differences are submerged; it is, rather, a salad in which each identity is recognized and adds to the whole.

Oddly enough it is our immigrants who finally awakened us to the fact that our Canada has an international reputation for civility, fairness, and justice—what a privilege to call it home.

Just travel abroad and you will realize how lucky we are to be Canadian.

Having said this, why can we not learn our national anthem and use it more often?

Eagle Lake has a list of graduates to congratulate:

Grade 8: Alex Ambridge, Amanda Robinson, Cassie Hie.

Grade 12 and OAC: Melyssa Anishnabi, Spencer Bacon, Shannon Britton, Michelle Byelis, Warren Burke, David Cooney, Kendra McColl, Melissa Rowell, Corina McKee.

This weekend, July 11, is the annual Eagle Lake Rhubarb Festival. From the early Mini Marathon Run, followed by the pancake breakfast to the end of the dancing at midnight, it will be a day filled with entertainment, fun and food, including rhubarb pies—for sale or a la mode—as dessert with coffee.

Games of chance, pontoon boat rides on Eagle Lake, horseshoe contests, beef barbecue supper, beer tent, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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and granddaughter of Bob Barry; Rod Upton, son of Ross and Beatrice Upton and grandson of Beverley and Allan Upton, Darol

Sisson, son of Darol and Karlene of Essonville and grandson of Mrs. Phrona Sisson; Regan Sisson, son of Delaine and Blake Sisson; Curtis Barry, son of Anna and Bryan Barry; and Nick Fawcett, son of Barb and Wayne Fawcett. Congratulations, all!

If there are any names that should be added please phone in for next week's notes.

Congratulations to Michelle and David Chambers on the birth of their daughter, Amy Josephine, on July 1, 1998 in Peterborough.

Canada Day was a great success once again thanks to the tremendous effort of the committee and the general support of the local residents who turned out in full numbers.

Everything sold out—hot dogs and all other food, including the dinners at night and every ticket.

Shirley Johnston won the 50-50 draw—well deserved since she, too, is on the committee.

Congratulations to other special graduates; Rose Merritt, Sharon Bacon and Margaret Wood, who have achieved success in the Personal Support Worker program at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Margaret attended the graduation itself on June 26 in Peterborough. Well done!

Visiting with Jan and Bill Hlywka this week is their daughter Lorelei with Mitchell and Drew, and their daughter Penny with her husband, Ron Patterson, and their children, Rebecca and Will.

Rebecca and Mitchell are enrolled at Camp Medeba for the week.



WHEEL-CHAIR RALLY:

Heinz Schneider goes for a ride at the annual Extendicare Wheelchair Rally with the help of volunteer Aaron Hindman. The "Old Timers Group" raised about \$1,900 June 27 in support of Alzheimer's research and Extendicare. Bob Burns alone raised \$1,300 in memory of his mother. Fifteen residents and 20 volunteers took part in the walk through Haliburton Village.

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Dorset rec centre keeps kids busy with crafts

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Happy birthday wishes to Ursula Bryant, Leslie Tebby, Lindsay Drinkwater, Jesse Ryan, Scott Crewson, and Norman McGuire. Best wishes to all.

Nature not only has an individual type of beauty for each season, but each day brings some spectacle of beauty to delight the eye. Looking out the window the other day, I saw at the edge of the lake a flotilla of Canadian geese, 15 in all.

There were four adults and 11 fledglings in an

orderly line, as if they had been trained by a Sergeant Major. A beautiful sight.

The children next door were out with a loaf of bread and the line broke up quickly to partake of the free lunch.

Apologies to Marcella McKay, whose name was misspelled in last week's news.

The Dorset Bridge Club proved to be a successful venture and is taking a summer recess. It will continue in September.

If you wish information, you may call Susan Dirks at 766-9394.

Drop in at the baseball diamond any Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. The diamond is open on a first come, first serve basis for

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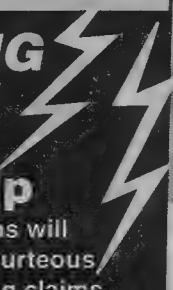
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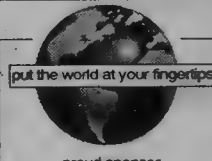
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Strawberry supper a 'truly Canadian' get together

■ More than 200 gather for annual event

The strawberry supper provided by the United Church people was enjoyed by well over two hundred people on Saturday, July 4.

This meal at the L.W.M. Centre included plenty of tasty cold beef and ham, potato and cabbage salad plus a sumptuous array of that truly Canadian dish, the jellied salad.

Having topped that off with strawberry shortcake everyone went away very satisfied. Thanks for this annual "start of summer" event.

Roller skating is being enjoyed again on Wednesday and Saturday evenings at the arena.

A pleasant crowd gathered in the village last Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate Canada on its 131st birthday.

The sun broke through the clouds as people were welcomed to the historic Outpost ground by Cathy Agnew and Hilda Clark of the Heritage Guild.

After members of Legion branch 624 raised

and saluted the flag, O Canada, God Save the Queen and Happy Birthday to Canada, were sung.

The Gentlemen of Song, led by Marg Jeske and Elsie Lewis, entertained with patriotic songs including a crowd favourite "This Land Is Your Land".

The party continued on the lawn by the lake with refreshments - especially birthday cake.

There were pontoon boat rides on the lake. This year Steve and Marlene Robertson kindly provided the boat and Ken Sanderson organized the groups for the jaunts around Dark Lake. A very pleasant way to celebrate this fine country.

The Yard and Thrift Sale at St. Margaret's on a rainy Saturday morning provided lots of bargains to those who didn't mind the showers. The Thrift Sales continue on Saturday mornings until August 1. There are racks and tables full of great bargains.

Do plan to "Come and Play The Country Way" July 17 to 19 at Country Good Times.

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important entrance to the county, or well travelled enough for the "art" community, but we do have a good time. We have lots happening here and lots of willing workers.

Among the Good Times' activities this year there are, in the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday and Sunday, ongoing demonstrations of various arts and crafts, a musical concert, a gospel sing, a fashion show with Tea Room, a church service, a bake sale, kids' activities by CHACE Place and quilt raffles.

Flea market tables will be in the curling rink on the way to the midway.

New this year is a free karaoke dance with MCs on Friday night (arena).

Back by popular demand is the Country 105 FM Video Dance Party Saturday night.

Have you tuned up your talents for the amateur contest? Your entry ready for the parade? Lots of good prizes!

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Hockey's Friday night Bingo, the Legion's Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast; the Show and Shine Automobile Show, and the fire fighters' famous burgers and onions all weekend.

Look for posters and programs for specific times - and have a good time.

The Outpost Museum is

open 10 to 4 daily throughout the summer. Cindy or Tracey would be pleased to guide you on a tour of the displays.

Watch for the Heritage Guild float in the Country Good Times parade and get the croquet mallets swinging for the tournament later this month.

It's good to see the tennis courts being used. The

Hemphills and Jim Donovan are regulars! Great fun!

The Haliburton Unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario met for lunch and an annual meeting at BonnieView Inn on June 25.

John Stouffer, president, chaired the meeting and welcomed members and new retirees.

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things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

July 7 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Peter Baloun - Iron Sculpture.

July 8 Birding workshop for individuals and families, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Leslie M. Frost Centre, R.R. 2, Minden. For info call 766-2451.

July 9 Look, See, Paint! workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Leslie M. Frost Centre, R.R. 2, Minden. For info call 766-2451.

July 9 The Art of Lapidary workshop, 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Create your own rock art or jewellery, Leslie M. Frost Centre, R.R. 2, Minden. For info call 766-2451.

July 10 Managing Your Forest workshop. Landowners - The Stewardship Series. For info call 766-2451.

July 10 - 12 Body, Mind and Spirit Weekend Workshop, Leslie M. Frost Centre, R.R. 2, Minden. For info and registration call Kim Wendt, 705-754-9040.

July 11 Eagle Lake Rhubarb Festival. Fun, food, friends, frolic. 8:30 a.m. to midnight.

July 11 Lake Kashagawigamog Organization Dock Sale, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome to participate. Just raise a white flag on your dock to participate.

July 11 Medeba Adventure Learning Centre, Open House '98, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 14 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Pearl Sunrise - Art and Culture.

July 15 Flying Squirrels Workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individuals and families (age 6 and up). For info call 766-2451.

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July 18 Lochlin United Church "Wild Boar Roast", Lochlin Community Centre, County Rd. 1. Reserve early. Seatings at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Call 286-1765 for tickets.

July 18 Coboconk & District Lions Annual Garage Sale, Lions Community Hall in Coboconk, 8 a.m. Baked goods and refreshments available. For table rentals, please call Sharon at 454-9531 or Gayle at 887-2746.

July 18 Minden Home & Garden Tour, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (705) 286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 for ticket information.

July 18 Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' Canoe Trip to Poke Lake. Rain date: July 19. Meet in the Jug City parking lot in Carnarvon at 10 a.m. Further info, Shelagh Ziman at 754-2532.

July 25 Bake & Craft Sale, Fort Irwin Residents Hall, 9 a.m. - ? To raise funds for a new roof on the hall.

August 1 Giant Auction Sale starting at 10 a.m. Rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden. Further info, 488-2222.

August 8 Bowlathon in Support of HHHS, at Carnarvon Lanes in Carnarvon, at Hwy. 35 & 118. Further info, Ross or Betty Henderson at 489-3351.

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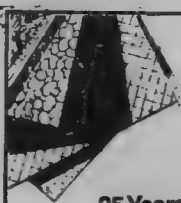
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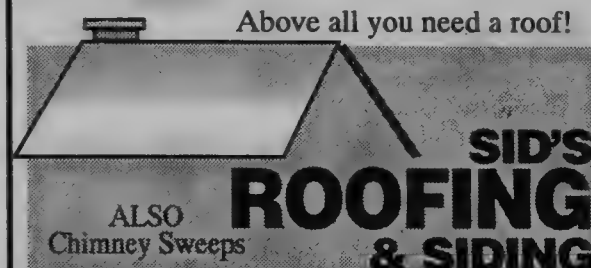
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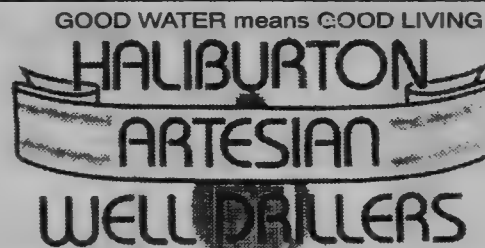
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New firearm regulations call for licensing of all gun owners by 2001

Firearm owners registering their firearms under the new Firearms Act will be able to supply all required information on a simple 8" x 7" (21cm x 17cm) two-sided form.

"In keeping with recommendations made to me by the User Group on Firearms (the government's advisory group on implementing the new Act), other groups of firearm owners, the Coalition for Gun Control and the Provincial Chief Firearms Officers, the form has been redesigned to be user-friendly, clear and as simple as possible," says the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice.

The User Group had praise for the new series of forms: "In their revised condition, the forms are a great improvement for the registration of firearms and will undoubtedly be properly received by those who will apply for registration."

Registration:

The "postcard," or short form, will be used by all firearm owners. The form

itself is augmented by a cover page which outlines the simple process of gun registration under the new Act. Detailed instructions with illustrations and an envelope are attached to aid in completing the form.

There is space on each form for two guns. If more guns are registered, only the firearm description needs to be filled out on another copy of the form.

Registrants who feel they need more information regarding the identification of their firearms will be able to call one of the Registrar's approved volunteer verifiers for help. A list of verifiers will be made available by the CFC this fall.

The two forms will be available in September 1998.

All firearm owners must have all their firearms registered by January 1, 2003. Registration is a once-only process, valid for as long as the owner owns the gun.

Licensing:

The Act also requires, for the first time, a licence

for all firearm owners. A licence, or the current Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC), will be needed to register firearms.

Owners with existing firearms have until January 1, 2001 to obtain a possession-only licence, which will be renewed every subsequent five years.

Alternatively, any owner wishing to buy firearms will need a licence for acquisition. This is not new.

The FACs now in place are valid until the expiry date on the certificate.

After the fact has expired, the owner will have to get one of the two types of licences: possession only or acquisition. The latter also carries possession privileges.

Licensing forms will be similar to the existing FAC applications.

They will, however, be accompanied by user-friendly instructions and there will be a simplified process for applicants applying for a possession-only licence.



FIRST DONATION:

Left to right: Century 21 broker Derrell Stamp presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Diane Springstein, managing director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, and the foundation's chair, Dale Walker. Doug and Ruth Mitchell, Greg Stamp, Scott McGuire, Kim Stamp and Kim Cowan took part in Tuesday's donation, which was the first in a series initiated by the Haliburton District Real Estate Board to raise money for the Capital Project to construct new hospitals.

No one hurt in weekend accident

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Slippery pavement on County Road 1 sent a car skidding out of control this weekend.

A 1991 Honda was

travelling south on County Rd. 1 around 10:40 Saturday morning when it skidded on a wet curve of the road by the Snowdon Township landfill site.

The driver lost control

of the car, which struck the rock cut and rolled onto its side on the shoulder of the road.

The three people in the car were not hurt in the accident and no charges have been laid.

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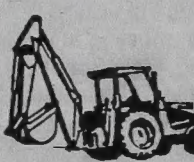
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Moving day at Hyland Crest is a 'big adventure' for seniors

■ Residents say they will muddle through confusion until renovations on new residence are completed

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Hello everyone, it's time to sit down and catch up on our news.

Well, we expected a scrumptious birthday tea last week (June 25) and we were proved right.

Our thanks to the Minden Calorie Counters for the fresh, local strawberries and ice cream and to Nancy who made the birthday cake.

Friday was very busy here--moving day for many areas--in preparation for the renovations to begin in earnest.

We know that things are going to be confusing for many of us for some time, but we're sure to muddle through somehow. In fact, we need to treat this whole episode as one big adventure.

At our Happy Hour later that day, The Grandfathers enter-

tained us.

For most of us, the weekend was fairly quiet. However, there have been two family reunions recently.

Rob Young attended his family reunion and reported a huge turnout of approximately 125 people, from babies to old folks. A great time was had by all.

The other gathering was the Prentice family reunion, on June 28, which was hosted by Cliff Prentice Jr. (second generation). Everyone enjoyed themselves and the "older" generation stated how pleased they were to see the younger family members carry on this tradition.

A warm welcome to Edward Fugar who is here on vacation care. Hope you enjoy your stay with us.

On Monday afternoon we enjoyed another discussion time.

The subject was "wedding days" but the talk soon evolved to relationships, divorces, mixed

marriages (i.e. inter-racial, inter-religious) - how did we feel about relationships in general as compared to "our days" and how society views these changes.

Thanks, Linda, for a very interesting time and, yes, thank you for our ice cream cones that followed.

The following day Nina Prentice, Murial Harrison and Lola Prentice were spirited away by Lenore to Carnarvon for Lola's birthday lunch.

They reported a lovely meal at the Mill Pond and Lola really enjoyed this treat.

On Canada Day most of us stayed home and relaxed, but we hear that downtown Minden was very busy with lots of people enjoying the festivities.

That's just about it for another week. We just snuck down to the kitchen in the auditorium and discovered many willing hands cleaning mounds of strawberries for our tea party in honour of Canada Day, followed by a sing song.

Also a welcome back to Janet--good to have you with us again. We missed you. We must catch up on your vacation news as soon as we get a chance.

That's all folks. Catch you next week. In the meantime, keep smiling!



NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT:

At a recent meeting of the Haliburton Rotary Club, the new president, Gerry Walker, was congratulated for taking on the position by outgoing president Dave Elstone.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

FIRSTLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-3081; and

SECONDLY: township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Part 7 on Plan 19R-6087.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 28th day of July, 1998, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. and at that time the council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: June 09, 1998

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,

Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
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This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, along the shore of McFadden Lake (also known as Crozier Lake) and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Part 1, 19R-3081 - Ministry of Natural Resources:
Part 2, 19R-3081 and Part 7, 19R-6087 - MacLean,
Lawrence and Wedge.

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community news

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Jeanne Sears

Minden Women's Institute meeting took the form of a luncheon at The Terrace on June 24.

The president, Jean Cox, welcomed us all and introduced the guests and after singing grace, all filled a plate from the buffet, with a cold drink of water or freshly made tea or coffee. I must not forget to mention the desserts.

Special guests were, from the Victoria East District, President Mary McMaster and Jean Stewart of the Norland branch.

One member's mother was from Bath, England, Nellie Fenn, and the Cox members had guests and some were present from The Terrace.

In our meeting we heard that Jean Cox had helped with the Stone Soup Group and our donation was gratefully accepted for supplies.

A vote of thanks went to Carol Cox who had created our programs for this year and Mary Cox had

our Home and Country magazines for us.

Thanks go to Mary Wilson for her work as treasurer; she and Dawn have solved many problems for us.

Plans were made to take part in serving lunch at the Library Cultural Centre after 11 a.m. during the Home and Garden Tour and at afternoon Birthday Tea at Hyland Crest August 2.

The women's institute has space at the Rug and Quilt Show on July 25 and 26.

We will help supply Big Buck Euchres in Coboconk with helpers and card players in September. We also planned to display articles at the Fair in August.

The president said it was a busy time for planning and what made this easier was that everyone was so agreeable.

The next meeting will be on September 16 at 1:30 at the home of Mary Wilson on the edge of Minden.

All ladies are welcome and Mary will arrange the program for the day.

The winner of the draw was Nancy Gayton.

Come and spend a couple of hours with us and make new friends.



A GREAT CATCH:

Nine-year-old Lindsey Warne will have something to brag about when she goes back to school this fall. On June 30, she pulled an 11-pound lake trout out of Kennisis Lake that was 19 inches around the middle. The fish was caught using a steel line and a Len Thompson leach lure. Lindsey's parents are going to have the fish mounted and hung as a trophy.

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Environmental meeting

Committee to discuss Dombind, Algonquin road proposal and other issues affecting Highlands

The Advisory Committee for the Environment, which has formed under the umbrella of the County Strategic Planning Committee, will hold its next meeting in the Glamorgan Community Centre in Gooderham at 1 p.m. on Saturday July 11.

The meetings are open to everyone who cares about how the natural environment in Haliburton County is used.

The agenda will include

the following: the road to Algonquin proposal, use of Dombind on gravel roads, regulation of aggregate extraction, the proposed revisions to the county tree cutting by-law, collecting and sharing relevant information, and participating in the Community Forum in August.

For more information, call Carolyn Coburn at 286-2484.

FISH STOCKING Minden Area - Murphy Lake

The Ministry of Natural Resources, Minden Area Office, would like to inform the public that Longford Reserve Ltd. is considering stocking Murphy Lake, located in Longford Township, with walleye.

This is the first time walleye has been stocked into this particular waterbody. This stocking effort is being done to create a new fishery, thereby providing additional angling opportunities for walleye.

This project is being planned and implemented in accordance with the ministry's Approved Class Environmental Assessment for Fish Stocking in New Waters.

If you feel that after consulting with ministry staff that your concerns about this proposal have not been adequately addressed, you may make a request that the project be subject to an individual environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act. The decision on whether or not to conduct an individual environmental assessment is determined by the Minister of Environment.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this proposal under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the proposal period and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protections of Privacy Act (1967) personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Dana Kinsman at (705) 286-1521 (Minden).

You are invited to direct any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, before August 3, 1998, to Dana Kinsman, Area Biologist, Ministry of Natural Resources, Minden Area Office, Hwy. 35 Bypass, Minden ON K0M 2K0 Tel: (705) 286-1521

Final notice of this project will be issued only to those who reply to this notice and to those who will be directly affected.



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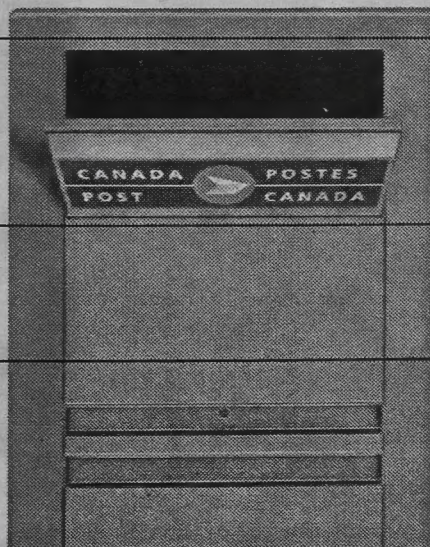
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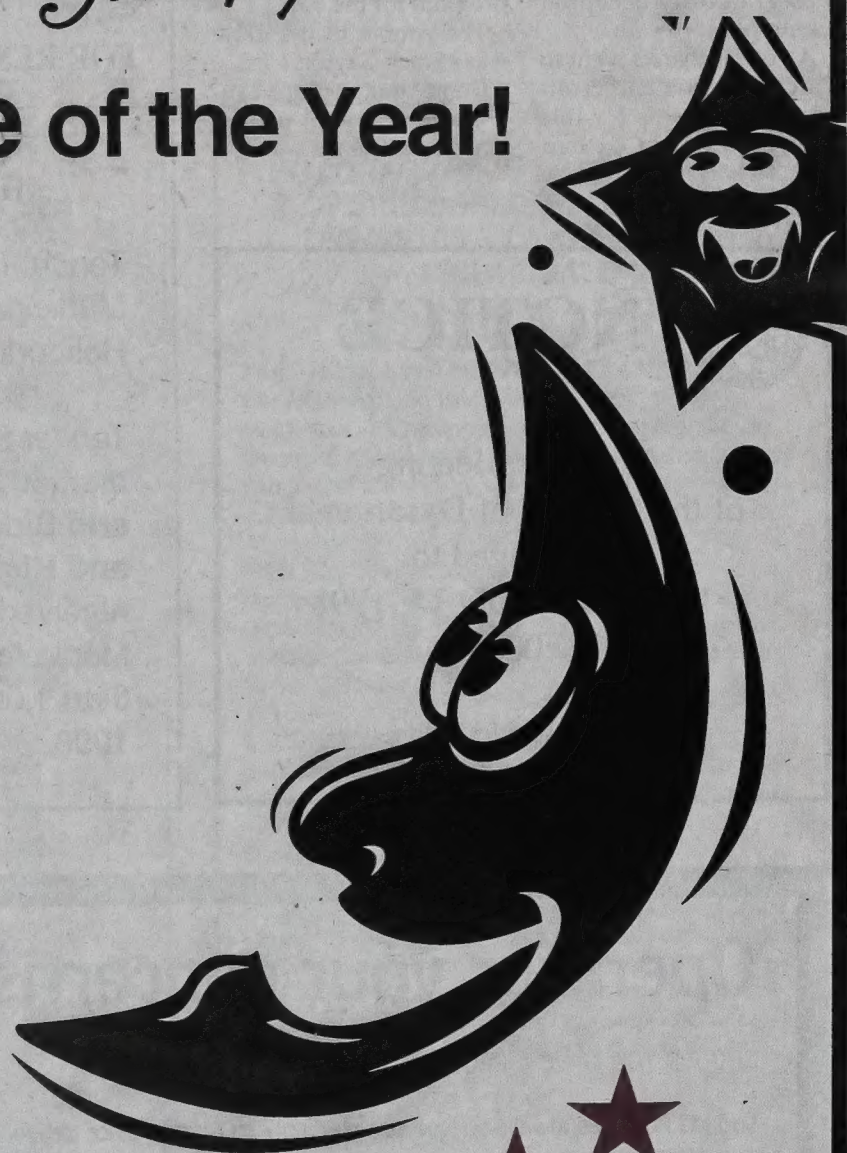
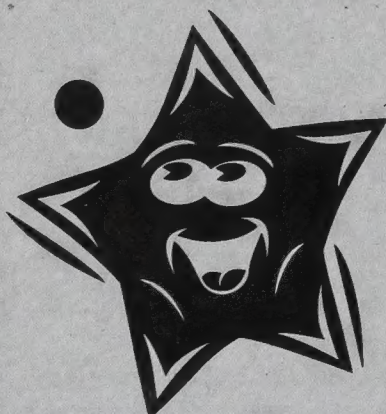


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